

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Fort Stanwix

AND/OR COMMON

Fort Stanwix National Monument

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

112 E. Park Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Rome

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

31

STATE

New York

CODE

36

COUNTY

Oneida

CODE

065

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☒ PUBLIC☐ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☐ OCCUPIED☒ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☒ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☒ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 AGENCY**

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)

National Park Service, North Atlantic Region

STREET & NUMBER

15 State Street

CITY, TOWN

Boston

VICINITY OF

STATE

Massachusetts

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Oneida County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

800 Park Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Rome

STATE

New York

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYSTITLE National Survey of Historic Sites and Buildings Vol. VI. Published in
Unrau, Harlan. Here Was the Revolution: Historic Sites of the War for

DATE American Independence. Washington: National Park Service.

1976

☒ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

National Park Service

CITY, TOWN

Washington, DC

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT

☐ GOOD

☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED

☐ RUINS

☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED

☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE

☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The present Fort Stanwix is a total reconstruction

Completed in 1976 (Phase 2 was completed in 1978), the fort was constructed on the site of the original Fort Stanwix which was constructed in 1758. Selected archeological features were preserved within the reconstruction. The bulk of the fort is constructed of reinforced concrete covered with earth and faced with half-timbers. It is in the shape of a square which measures 220 feet by 220 feet.

Pentagonal bastions with flanks of 36 feet and faces of 90 feet were planned off each corner. This gave the fort an overall measurement from bastion tip to bastion tip of 330 feet. The initial intent of the engineers was to orient the square of the fort precisely north-south and east-west. The fort is surrounded on three sides by a berm followed by a ditch, a parapet, and a glacis. Five log structures have been reconstructed on the interior parade ground. Landscaping around the perimeter of the fort provides a historic meadow setting although the integrity of the larger setting has been lost due to urban development.

This 16.2 acre park is managed as a historic zone in order to maintain the 18th-century appearance and to prevent inappropriate use of the grounds adjacent to the fort.

Collections:

As a result of the archeological excavations preparatory to the reconstruction, a collection of approximately ten thousand 18th-century artifacts associated with the original fort along with 19th- and 20th-century artifacts from subsequent occupations of the site were recovered. These are now displayed or in storage awaiting cleaning, mending, cataloging and further study.

They are valuable as documented specimens of known provenance and for what they can tell us about the people who used them. The collection as a whole presents a fine record of the cultural continuum at the site and of the history of Rome.

Management Exclusion:

Within Fort Stanwix National Monument is a maintenance building which does not meet National Register criteria. The structure is of modern construction and bears no relationship to the reasons for which Fort Stanwix was included in the National Park System. It is recognized that this building serves a management purpose and occasionally requires alterations. Modifications to this building will not intrude on the historic resources of the site.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES Original 1758-1781
Reconstruction 1976-1978 BUILDER/ARCHITECT National Park Service

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Because the current Fort Stanwix was reconstructed in the 1970s, it is only the site of the old Fort Stanwix that should be considered the significant historic resource to be nominated to the National Register of Historic Places.

Old Fort Stanwix, which occupied the site of the present reconstructed fort in Rome, New York, played a significant role in American history between 1758 and 1781. Strategically placed at the Oneida Carrying Place, it controlled one of the two water routes from Canada to New York. It was an important link in the chain of defenses that helped create British North America during and following the Great War for Empire. Fort Stanwix was also a center for the administration of Indian affairs in the north, and, as such, was the site of the highly important Treaty of Fort Stanwix in 1768. Under this treaty, the Iroquois ceded a vast territory east of the Ohio River, thereby clearing the way for a new and significant surge of westward settlement.

The major national significance of Fort Stanwix lies in the role it played during the American Revolution when, having been abandoned for some years by the British, it was occupied by the Continental Army. During August, 1777, the stand at the Fort by a 700-man American garrison was responsible for the repulse of the western prong of the British invasion of the northern American colonies and checked the possibility of a Loyalist uprising in the Mohawk Valley.

The failure of the British to take Fort Stanwix was a significant factor leading to the surrender of Burgoyne at Saratoga on October 17, 1777.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Luzader, John F.; Torres, Louis; Carroll, Orville W. Fort Stanwix: History, Historic Furnishing, and Historic Structure Reports. Washington, DC; National Park Service, 1976.

Hanson, Lee, and Dick Ping Hsu. Casemates and Cannonballs: Archeological Investigations at Fort Stanwix, Rome, New York. Washington, DC: National Park Service, 1975.




10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 16.2




UTM REFERENCES

1955 Rome Quadrangle predates the UTM system.

Latitude $43^{\circ} 12' 42''$
Longitude $75^{\circ} 27' 23''$

A   

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C   

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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see enclosed Survey Plat Map

~~See enclosed site plan.~~

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Dwight T. Pitcaithley

ORGANIZATION

DATE _____

National Park Service

August, 1981

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

15 State Street

617-223-3778

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Boston, M

Massachusetts

12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES_____ NO_____ NONE_____

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is National State Local.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE

**Assistant Director,
Cultural Resources**

DATE _____

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

William H. Braham

DATE 12.28.81

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE _____

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

PARK

ST.



**FORT STANWIX
NATIONAL
MONUMENT**

ST.

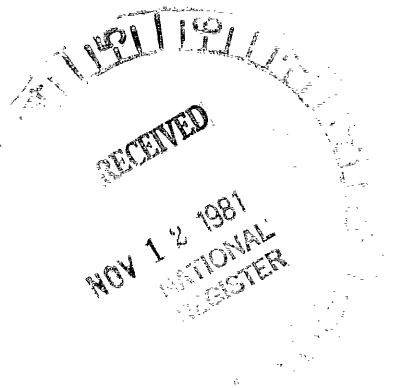
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BLACK RIVER

LEGEND



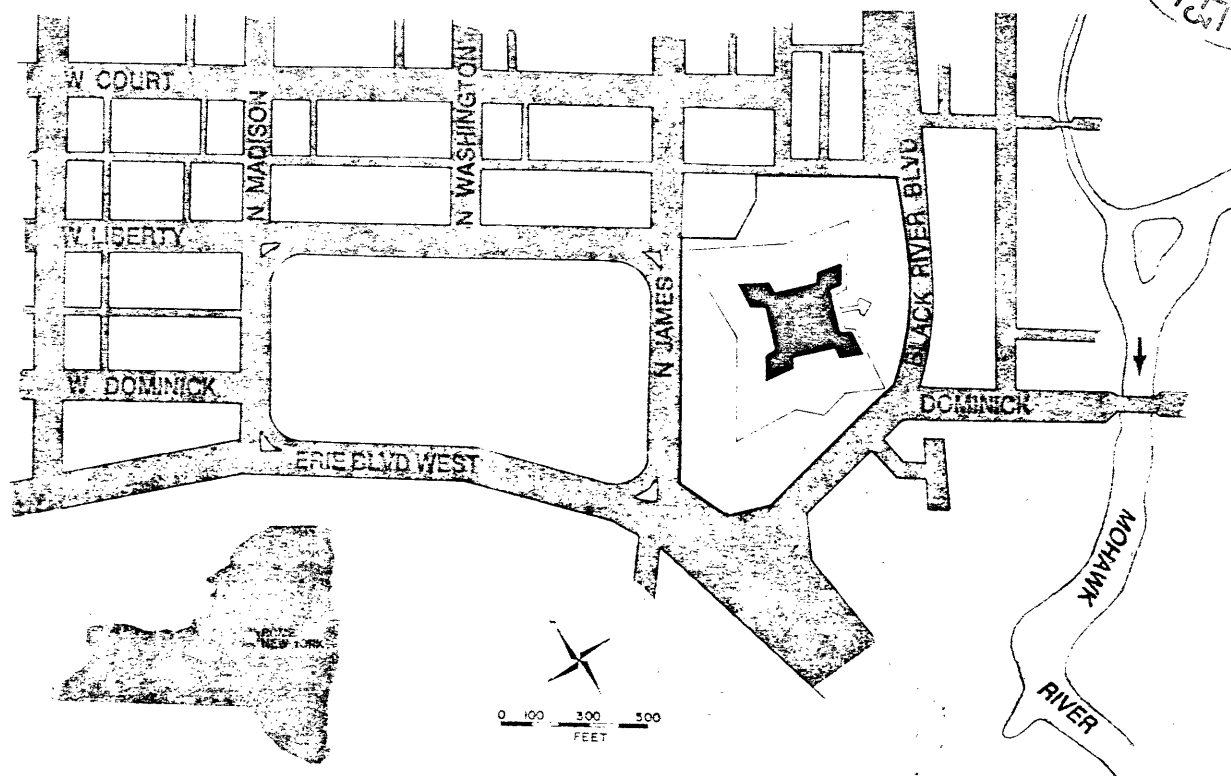
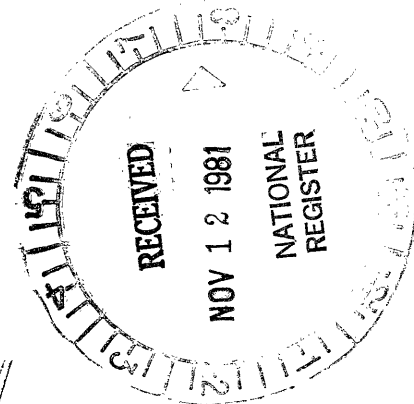


Figure 2
Location of Fort Stanwix in downtown Rome, N.Y.